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Mr. William E. Colby
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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

The Subcommittees on Health and Administrative Practice and Procedure are currently preparing for hearings on Central Intelligence Agency and Department of Defense involvement in experiments that involved the use of human subjects. The purpose of the hearings is to examine how and why these experiments have been conducted over the past 25 years and what safeguards were imposed for the protection of those who participated.

It is necessary to the Subcommittees' inquiry to obtain answers to the questions listed below by October 3, 1975. If any of this information is still classified, we will be prepared to make appropriate arrangements for maintaining security pending any formal action by the Subcommittees. Specifically, we would like the following information:

1. Identify the offices within CIA that are or were responsible for monitoring or supporting experimentation involving human subjects.

- A. Describe the functions and responsibilities of the offices.
- B. Describe the types of human use experiments monitored or supported directly or indirectly by these offices.

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C. In 1969 there apparently was a reorganization or transfer of functions involving human experimentation projects. Please explain the nature and extent of this reorganization or transfer, the reasons for the reorganization or transfer, and who ordered it.

2. Was Dr. Sidney Gottlieb ever assigned to any office identified in question number 1? Whether or not he was assigned to such offices--

- A. What was his position with the CIA?
- B. What were his duties?
- C. When did he serve?
- D. Who was his immediate superior?
- E. Who were his subordinates?

3. Was Dr. Robert Lashbrook ever assigned to any office identified in question number 1? Whether or not he was assigned to such offices--

- A. What was his position with the CIA?
- B. What were his duties?
- C. When did he serve?
- D. Who was his immediate superior?
- E. Who were his subordinates?

4. Who authorized Messrs. Gottlieb and Lashbrook to conduct the experiment that involved Dr. Frank Olsen and at least three others as human subjects, and for what purposes was the experiment conducted?

- A. Identify the drugs or chemicals that were used in the experiment.
- B. How many times and at what dose level were the drugs or chemicals administered to the subjects?
- C. How were these drugs or chemicals administered to the subjects?
- D. Who administered the drugs or chemicals to the subjects?
- E. Was there medical supervision of the experiment?

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5. Has CIA ever supported, directly or indirectly, experiments involving human subjects at or through federal facilities for drug research and rehabilitation of drug addicts in or near Lexington, Kentucky, the University of Kentucky Medical Center, the Kentucky Research Foundation, the University of Kentucky Research Foundation, Columbia University, David Lipscomb College, Georgetown University, Montana State College, New Jersey Mental Health Research and Development Fund, Pennsylvania State University, Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Howard University, University of Miami, Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City, the Coldspring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island, N.Y. the Massachusetts Mental Health Clinic in Boston, the Worcester Institute in Worcester, Mass., the New York Psychiatric Institute in New York City, Microbiological Association, Moloscope Project, Communications Contact, Inc. or the Medical Explorations Communications? If so, provide details of when, where, why, how, and by whom these experiments were conducted, and what specifically each of these experiments involved.

6. Recently, CIA personnel informed Subcommittee staff that Agency records and documents pertaining to experiments involving human subjects were destroyed in 1973. Please provide details of the nature of those records and documents; where, when, why, under what circumstances, and by whom these records were destroyed; and who authorized such destruction.

7. Prior to and subsequent to 1973, what provisions did CIA make for medical follow-up on human subjects who participated in experiments that were supported or conducted, directly or indirectly, by CIA?

8. Prior to and subsequent to 1973, what control has CIA exercised in monitoring and reviewing human use in experiments that CIA supported or conducted, directly or indirectly, and

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in assuring that there was adequate informed consent from those human subjects involved in such experiments?

9. Have there been any deaths in connection with human use experiments that were conducted or supported, directly or indirectly, by CIA? If so, provide details of the experiments and the deaths.

10. Have there been any injuries in connection with human use experiments that were conducted or supported, directly or indirectly, by CIA? If so, provide details of the experiments and the injuries.

11. Please supply a copy of all documents relating to the Frank Olsen case.

12. Has CIA used the John Macy Foundation, the Geschickter Fund, the Society for the Investigation of Human Ecology, Inc., the Human Ecology Fund, or Psychological Assessments Associates, Inc. as an intermediary in funding or supporting in any manner experiments involving human subjects? If so, provide details of when, where, why, how, and by whom these experiments were conducted, and what specifically each of these experiments involved?

13. Have CIA personnel conducted experiments involving human subjects other than the experiment that involved Dr. Frank Olsen and at least three other persons?

14. Besides those entities mentioned in question number 12, has CIA used any other domestic fund, foundation, society, private or government agency, or organization as an intermediary in funding or supporting in any manner experiments involving human subjects?

15. Has CIA used any foreign fund, foundation, society, private or government agency, or organization as an intermediary in funding or supporting in any manner experiments involving human subjects?

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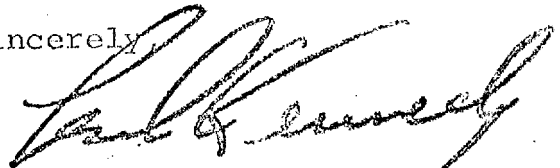
16. Has CIA used the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, Marines, or Coast Guard as an intermediary in funding or supporting in any manner experiments involving human subjects?

17. Has CIA ever made arrangements, directly or indirectly, to have a public, private, or military entity in a foreign country conduct experiments involving human subjects in a foreign country?

These questions are directed towards providing the Subcommittees with information on issues, individuals, institutions, and events which are presently the subject of our investigation. Your responses will allow us to have a more complete picture than would otherwise be available if we relied solely on information obtained from outside the Agency. As to questions 13 through 17, we have asked initially for conclusory answers. We would appreciate your providing further details on these matters, however: when, where, why, how and by whom the experiments were conducted, and what specifically was involved in each. This additional and more comprehensive information may be submitted incrementally within the next 30 days.

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance. If you or your staff have any questions concerning this inquiry, please feel free to contact Mr. Walter Sheridan or Mr. James Michie, of the Administrative Practice and Procedure Subcommittee staff.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy

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